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by way of illustration. The material of this book was first used as sermons preached in the City Temple, re-written for the sake of unity. But they preserve the directness of appeal characteristic of their original delivery from the pulpit. The findings of modern scholarship are accepted, but utilized for an unqualified evangelical appeal. This book should be inspirational to all Christians, and clergymen and others speakers will find in it a wealth of illustrative and homiletic material. (Publ.)
$2.00

Thomas, George F. *Ed.* THE VITALITY OF THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION Harper

This is a volume which will be of especial interest to serious minded readers who are concerned about the wide-spread rejection of the Christian tradition in contemporary life, particularly in intellectual circles. The contributors are well known scholars, professors of philosophy and religion in well known educational institutions and these studies of the Christian tradition and its place in the modern world would be of particular interest to those who move in academic and other "intellectual circles." The development of the Christian tradition from ancient Israel, through early Christianity, the Middle Ages, the Reformation and the 19th Century is traced in successive chapters, each by a different author. Then in turn the volume deals with the relation of Christianity to modern culture, modern philosophy, physical science, psychology, the ethics of western civilization and democracy. (Publ.) $3.00

Mauriac, Francois THE EUCHARIST Longmans, Green

This is one of the Golden Measure books which are announced as "a library for all those who love truth and beauty, edited for the publishers by Jacques Maritain and Julie Kiernan. *The Eucharist* consists of a number of brief homilies dealing with various aspects of "the mystery of Holy Thursday". It is beautifully written and translated from the French and should be treasured by all faithful Catholics. The author states, however, that in writing he had been thinking of "the non-Christian reader, of the hostile or indifferent man, who, perhaps, will thumb this little book". In that case, the author apparently is unaware of how impenetrable a mystery the Catholic conception of the Eucharist appears to be even to a non-Catholic, to say nothing of a non-Christian. Even beautiful writing by a well known author cannot make a non-Catholic see the Eucharist through Catholic eyes. Recommended largely for Catholic readers and for others who seek to understand the Catholic faith. (March) $1.50

Brown, Charles R. DREAMS COME TRUE Macmillan

For many decades Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale has been a popular preacher's preacher. His brilliant phrase turning, his arresting illustrations and unusual exposition of Biblical passages have furnished preachers and speakers with a wealth of ammunition over the years. This veteran of the pulpit and pen has by no means lost his cunning. The character of this volume of sermons may be surmised from these titles *The Deeper Insight, Facing Difficulties, The Handwriting on the Wall, The Demand for Moral Courage, The Prayer of Faith, Living Foursquare* and *Dreams Come True.* (4/11)
$1.50

Jones, Rufus M. THE RADIANT LIFE Macmillan

* Those familiar with Rufus Jones have come to expect from his pen inspirational writing characterized by a beautiful and incisive style, keen spiritual insight and an emphasis upon the inner life so characteristic of the Quakerism he so ably represents. This volume of essays is Rufus Jones at his best. He draws upon his knowledg

of the Bible, of literature, and of life, to give us six interesting and uplifting homilies. This is religion *plus*, and should appeal to all searchers for the truth that makes one free and radiant. (4/~~25~~ 11) $2.00

Palmer, Albert W. *Ed.* AIDS TO WORSHIP Macmillan

* This handbook is a veritable treasure house of worship materials, so compiled that it may be used by congregations and other worshipping groups or by the minister or other leader in enriching the service of worship. It contains material for personal meditations, calls to worship, confession of faith, unison and responsive readings from the Bible, litanies and responsive prayers, prayers, orders of church service and rituals appropriate to special occasions. The best of classical and modern devotional literature has been utilized. The editor is the President of Chicago Theological Seminary. While the worship material has no denominational or sectarian cast, it would be most useful to liberal Protestant ministers and their congregations. However, every minister would find this an invaluable addition to his working library. (~~4/4~~ 6.20) $2.00

Fitch, Robert Elliot A CERTAIN BLIND MAN Scribner

In this volume are to be found five penetrating essays on the American mood. The author's examination of the American mind leaves him disquieted, a reaction which he communicates to the reader in vivid and forthright speech. The author is the professor of philosophy and religion at Occidental College, an acknowledged disciple of John Dewey and Reinhold Niebuhr whom he extols as "chief of the prophets of the Lord in our time." Like Niebuhr he is extremely impatient with pacifism and isolationism which he believes to be symptons of "the culture of complacency" which has pervaded American life since World War I and which has delighted in "pleasure, profits, comfort, peace, ease and isolation". Some of the author's sharpest barbs, however, are aimed at the economist whom he describes as "the approved peddler of panaceas and dispenser of opiates for the people" in a business civilization. Like many other critics of our civilization the diagnosis is more convincing than the suggested cure. But it is made abundantly clear that the adoption of any national order that may be called Christian will involve in time of peace an even more wide-spread application of the spirit of self-sacrifice than we have shown so far even under the stress of war. This is a book for serious-minded people who are spiritually ready for "hard doctrine". However difficult it may be for readers to put into practice the principles set forth in these essays, they will not find it difficult to follow his reasoning, which cannot be said of all professors of philosophy. (Publ.) $2.00

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PICTURE STORY BOOKS

Andersen, Hans	THUMBELINA	Putnam
Kelen, Emery	YUSSUF THE OSTRICH	Hyperion Press
Norton, Mary	THE MAGIC BED	Editions

Three picture story books which, in days like these, are extraordinarily good. *Thumbelina* is newly translated by Paul Leyssac and charmingly and delicately illustrated by Oscar Fabres.....*Yussuf the Ostrich* has a distinctly modern parable quality which adults will appreciate, while the small fry will find the story hugely entertaining. Illustrated by the author.....*The Magic Bed-Knob* is more story and less pictures - sub-titled *How to be a Witch in Ten Easy Lessons.* A fairy tale in modern guise, which might be better listed under BOOKS TO READ ALOUD, Almost another *Mary Poppins*, a beguiling yarn of enchantment, with unique twist. A very original tale.... .....All three books printed by Hyperion - 24 pages in full color, well reproduced. (Late March) $1.75

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD 3 - 6

Wayne, Elaine BUCKY BEAR WHO WOULD NOT TAKE HIS NAP Lothrop Lee & Shepard

A great wind crashing down from the north, woke Bucky Bear from his winter nap. Instead of cuddling down beside his mother and going back to sleep he stole forth into the snow, and soon was lost in the forest. Two hunters found him and taught him to ride a bicycle. But when they took him to the carnival to show off his tricks, Bucky fell asleep. Back to the forest the hunters took him and all that summer when the other little bears were having fun fishing and swimming, Bucky was too sleepy to join in the fun, and could only sit on a log and yawn and doze. Nursery age brothers and sisters will want this picture story book read aloud again and again. Beginning readers will be proud that they can handle it themselves. Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard. $1.00

FIRST STEPS IN READING - Story Books

Charushin, E. BABY BEARS Macmillan

A Russian hunter shoots a mother bear and captures her two cubs, taking them home to his wife Ivanova, in the village of "Little Pines." Ivanova makes them a soft bed near the fire, and soon they are happily sucking hot milk from a cloth topped

bottle. Under the good wife's care they grow fat and husky, and everybody learns to love them, as they roam freely about the village, never thinking of returning to the forest. But as they grow older they become alarmingly naughty, tipping over a pot of the good Ivanova's soup, hiding her iron pot fork, pulling feathers out of pillows, until she is forced to take them over her knee and soundly spank them. The good effects of the spanking are only short lived however, for soon again the neighbors are complaining of them chasing their chickens and robbing their gardens. Things really come to a climax however, when they are discovered on the roof, taking the chimney apart brick by brick. By this time the good Ivanova has had enough of bear cubs, and gives them to a hunter, who in turn sells them to a circus for one hundred rubles. This translation from the Russian is a charming story, beautifully written. Excellent for reading aloud as well as for first graders. Translated by Marguerite Rudolph.

(April) $1.00

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Fact Books

Rifkin, Lillian WHEN I GROW UP I'LL BE A FARMER Lothrop Lee & Shepard

A short and easy-to-read book about life on a farm. The daily chores and the seasonal work to be done may interest a few children enough to read it by themselves, but because of the lack of story content, the majority will need to be introduced to it by some adult. It would make a good supplementary reader for a school group who are doing a farm project. Illustrated by photos. (April) $1.00

STORY BOOKS FOR THE 9 - 12's

Cavanna, Betty PUPPY STAKES Westminster Press

A very readable story about Janey Lovett, whose father enlists in the army and is sent to camp in California. Her mother soon joins him, but there is no room for Janey. And so she changes her well ordered home in Philadelphia, for her aunt Cleo's rather haphazard home in Hammer Hollow, and her select private school for a country public high school. From being the center of her family, she now must share the limelight with a rather disdainful boy cousin. Paprika, the cocker spaniel, has a litter the day she arrives, and only her uncle's generous gift of one of the puppies saves her from homesickness. Her adjustment to her new life, her friendship with some English refugees, Hugh and Jennifer Baldwin, make up a fast moving story. Janey works harder than she has ever done before, when she decides to train Budge for the exacting standards of the county dog show, and shows her mettle when she sprains her ankle and has to let Jennifer show the dog in her place. In fact, life becomes so interesting at Hammer Hollow, that Janey is saddened when the summons comes for her to go to Washington, where her father has been transferred.(4/21) $2.00

Fact Books for the 9 - 12's

Aviation Research Associates - Norman V. Carlisle Ed. TYPES OF PLANES Harper

In simple language and easily understood terms, this little book gives a surprising amount of information about every kind of plane, explaining with diagrams and photographs the particular function of each one, from commercial planes all through the various types being used by the armed forces. After reading this book, any boy who loves flying should be able to spot the type and kind of plane, as easily as he used to spot the make and model of an automobile. Fathers who don't know all the answers would profit by securing a copy of their own! (April) $1.00

TWELVE TO FIFTEEN - Fiction

Howard, Elizabeth DORINDA Lothrop, Lee & Shepard

Dorinda is thrilled when her brother marries Hepzibah, and builds a house near by. Hepzibah, a girl from back East has twelve quilts and every girl for miles around is envious of the lucky bride. But all of this fades into insignificance when an aunt invites Dorinda to spend a year with her in Chicago and attend Miss Elliott's Seminary. She has many exciting experiences in Chicago and does so well at the school that Miss Elliott chooses her to be her new assistant for the coming school year. It is hard for Dorinda to decide, but when Jethro Warren a boy from the wilderness asks her to marry him, she knows she can never be a school teacher. A good pioneer story for older girls, with a fascinating background of Chicago and the farm country of Indiana, one hundred years ago. (March) $2.00

BOOKS FOR USE BY PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Powel, Lydia THE ART MUSEUM COMES TO the SCHOOL Harper

Two generations ago schools were almost wholly dependent on books as their sole instruments of teaching. Comprehension was valued less than the ability to repeat parrot fashion. Modern educators, however, are ever seeking new means of stimulating the senses and cultivating apperception through all kinds of experience. They are constantly turning to visual education as an invaluable adjunct to other teaching methods. They recognize the fact that works of art are among the most trustworthy and illuminating of historical documents. Many museums have made their collections interesting and intelligible to lower and middle school groups, not only through visits to the museums, but through the circulation of loan material to the schools. But owing to the heavy demand of high school schedules, it has not been possible to make the museums available to the secondary schools. In 1938 the General Education Board made a survey of the situation, and as a result grants of about $19,000 each were made to five art museums, for a three year collaborative project in the use of visual materials in education at the secondary level. The Museums chosen were: The Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y.; The Chicago Art Institute, Chicago Ill.; The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio; The Milwaukee Art Institute, Milwaukee, Wis.; and the Museum of Modern Art, New York, N.Y. This book is a report on this large scale experiment in visual education A MUST for Art teachers. ~~March, 1944.~~ April 19 ✓ May 24 $2.00 ✓

Adult Books for Older Boys & Girls

Fiction

Farnol, Jeffery THE KING LIVETH Doubleday, Doran

Boys and girls, too, who have loved and cherished the King Arthur stories will like this tale of England of the period following the supposed death of Alfred - an England harried by Danes, open to penetration. Ranulph, thane of the King, encounters the King's ward, Morwenna, protects her and finds his master. Together they collect a loyal band, organize raids and guerilla warfare, and Alfred leads Guthrum, the Danish leader, into a trap from which the English emerge victorious, while Ranulph save Morwenna from a traitors' stronghold, and joins Alfred in the rout of the Danes..... Picture of England's legendary king-hero in usual Farnol style. (Full report, P.103) (4/20) $2.50

Zistel, Rea - *Ed.* A TREASURY OF CAT STORIES Greenberg

A well-assembled collection of some 25 tales of cats of all kinds, including stories by such well-known writers as Hilaire Belloc, Ernest Thompson Seton, Peggy Bacon, Saki, Mazo de la Roche, Walter de la Mare and others. From alley cats to pure breds, the characteristics of the animals and their relations to the world around them are expanded in detail. Good yarns - humor - sentiment - personalities. Illustrated by Peggy Bacon. A book for cat lovers of all ages. (Full report, P. 102)
(March?) $2.50

Maclean, Catherine Macdonald FAREWELL TO THARRUS Macmillan

Tale's end for the appealing trio of stories of this Scottish farm, with Cordelia and the Master and their three evacuees still installed. After three years, only Big Jock, Rab and Fife are left of the eight; they are thoroughly ensconced in the life of the farm and the hearts of the owners. Full incident, the same delightful quality of Scottish ways and people, the love and spontaneity and enthusiasm. A good trilogy - and this should have the same appeal as the others. (Full report, P. 105)
(5/1) $2.50

Feuchtwanger, Lion SIMONE Viking

A hauntingly lovely tale, with a feel of fantasy, in this story of a modern Joan of Arc, a peasant girl in a village of occupied France. At the start of the story, the refugees are streaming through, the Nazis have not arrived, and Simone finds herself in the position of knowing that something must be done to keep her uncle's gasoline and trucks from falling into German hands. So she burns his garage - and then finds - what she'd dared not face before - that neither he nor the other head men of the village had planned to trick the Nazis. She has a chance to run away with Maurice, into unoccupied France; but she stays - and is condemned to imprisonment in the reformatory. She goes, knowing that her deed has fired the resolve of the village to resist. Beautifully and movingly handled. (Full Report, P. 102) ~~(April)~~ July 24 $2.50

Non-fiction

Sprackling, Helen COURTESY: *A Book of Modern Manners* Barrows

New conditions need a new approach, and this differs from the average etiquette book in taking into consideration many of the factors of modern life that change old rules, - telephone, radio, cars - and the war. A commonsense, middle-of-the-road coverage for modern manners, at home and away from home. All the basic angles are treated, concisely, informatively, illustrated - as in mode of address - with clearcut charts and diagrams. (Full report-P. 115) (Publ.) $2.50

Terhune, Florence B. DECORATING FOR YOU Barrows

Girls will like this good basic book on interior decorating. What to do - why - how - techniques - background, with constant stress on the importance of making a plan and following through. Brief - fully illustrated - historical outline of periods, with today's application; problems of budget, family needs, possessions on hand. The sections on color are particularly good, though they need close study. Fabrics-walls-ceilings-floors-accessories-care and upkeep, all succinctly handled. The tests at the end serve as a check on how much you know. (Full report-P. 115) (Publ.) $3.75

Blythe & Kane WHAT DOG IS THAT Greenberg

Recognition handbook, with photographs and text following AKC specifications. Nice picture-guide at low price for amateurs. (Full report-P. 116) (Publ.)$1.00